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Ivan Lombardo came to see me this morning to express doubts as to whether Italy should proceed with the ratification of EDC if the Treaty is rejected by the French Parliament. I put a flea in his ear by calling his attention to the U. S. legislation cutting off American aid to non-ratifying countries, although I assume rejection by France would paralyze action in Italy.

Max Ascoli, publisher of the Reporter, called on me and we talked about the German problem. After that, I saw Marquis Childs on the same subject, which of course includes EDC.

Tommy and I lunched with Jean Monnet, who has just arrived here from Switzerland, which means all sorts of things will begin to happen. I thought he looked very well, as did the delightful Sylvia. We talked of the unsatisfactory EDC situation, and Jean is about to pay a round of visits to rally the troops.

Frank Giles came to the office. Since Mendès will not pose the vote on a question of confidence, he sees no chance of the Treaty passing.

André de Staercke called to tell me of a proposition just made by Spaak that he thought might enlist Mendès' support for the Treaty. When de Staercke presented it, his reception was unfavorable and stormy, so I think we can cross that one off.

Ada Forgan, an very attractive and sweet girl of about 18, whose parents are great friends of ours, came for a talk with me.

Later I saw Donald Downes, who is still having passport trouble, being suspected at home of being a Communist and anti-FBI -- the last of which is certainly correct -- and now being forbidden by the Italian authorities to retum to Italy, where he has spent most of his time in recent years.

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